AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has taken the following steps for the prevention, abatement and control of pollution:

(i) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;

(ii) Network of ambient air quality and ambient water quality monitoring stations have been set up;

(iii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries;

(iv) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the State Pollution Control Boards to keep the discharge of effluents and emissions within the stipulated limits;

(v) A time bound action plan for control of highly polluting 17 categories of industries has been prepared in consultation with the State Governments and a Notification has been issued under which polluting units are required to meet the standards by December 31, 1991.

Denial of Affiliation of Secondary School School by Central Board of Secondary Education

1272. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Fate of 40,000 students hangs in balance" as reported in the Indian Express dated 7th July, 1991;

(b) if so, whether due to decision of the Central Board of Secondary Education not to affiliate the students of public schools, the fate of students hang in dark;

(c) what will be the impact of such move on future of children's education;

(d) what are the reasons for not granting affiliation to schools; and

(e) what is the further action of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The students are free to seek admission to other schools so that their education is not affected.

(d The schools do not fulfil the conditions for grant of affiliation laid down in the Bye-laws of the Central Board of Secondary Education.

(e) The Central Board of Secondary Education will grant affiliation as and when the conditions are fulfilled.

Revamping of Banking System in India

1273. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Banking System throughout the country would be revamped as reported in the "Indian Express" of the 6th July 1991;

(b) if so, what changes Government propose to make in the Act to make it more effective;

(c) what are the lapses found by Government in the existing banking system; and

(d) by when the said revamping would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Government have seen the news item referred to in the question. The massive expansion and diversification of the banking industry has not been without strains. The geographical spread of the banking services had to contend with deficient infrastructure and poor communications. House keeping functions have therefore suffered and lines of supervision and control have lengthened. The principal areas of deficiencies are customer service, quality of advances portfolio and low productivity.

The performance of the public sector banks is monitored on a continuing basis by the Government and Reserve Bank of India. The various deficiencies in the working of the banks have been identified and concerted efforts are made to remove them. Action plans have been drawn up by the public sector banks at the instance of the Reserve Bank of India for improving their overall efficiency.

The Finance Minister, in his Budget Speech on 24th July, 1991 has, *inter-alia*, indicated a proposal for appointment of a High Level Comfittee to consider all relevant aspects of structure, organisation, functions and procedures of the financial system. This Committee is expected to advise the Government on appropriate measures that would be needed to enhance the viability and health of our banking sector so that it can better serve the needs of the economy.

Complaint against Doctors and Staff of the CGHS Dispenary, Kali Bari Marg

1274. SHRI DAVID LEDGER:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint against the doctors and staff of the CGHS dispensary No. 76, Kali Bari Marg, New Delhi-110 001;

(b) whether it is a fact that medicines, like Atrochlor-D (eye drops) and Glucobol, prescribed by doctors are never available in the dispensary and the beneficiaries are forced to purchase from open market;

(c) whether it is also a fact that even most essential life saving drugs are indented for purchases in this dispensary and the beneficiaries have to wait for a long, even for months; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to transfer the entire staff of the said CGHS dispensary who are found to be guilty for such malpractices in the dispensary

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir, the medicines like Atrochlor-D (eye drops) and Glucobol etc. are generally available in the dispensary and if not are made available to the beneficiary by local purchase.

(c) The Medicines which are not available in the dispensary are procured locally and made available to the beneficiary as early as possible.

(d) In view of answer to parts (b), (c) above question does not arise.

NRI Remittances to India after Rupee Devaluation

1275. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-resident Indian's remittances to India have not risen after rupee devaluation; and